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SUBJ: THAI MEDIA REACTION--BEGIN PEACE PLAN

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THE NATION REVIEW EDIT DECEMBER 20, NOTES THAT MIDEAST EVENTS ARE MOVING WITH "BREATHTAKING SPEED" AND DISCUSSES ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER BEGIN'S PEACE PLAN. EDIT SAYS THAT BEGIN MADE PUBLIC HIS PLAN FOR ONE OF TWO REASONS. THE PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT SIGNIFIES EITHER THAT "HE HAS TAKEN A THUS-FAR-AND-NO-FURTHER ATTITUDE" AND FROM NOW ON TEL AVIV WILL TAKE A HARD LINE, OR THE PLAN IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE IN THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS. FOR THIS, EDIT DECLARES, BEGIN MUST, IN HIS TALKS WITH SADAT, MAINTAIN FLEXIBILITY. THE ISRAELI LEADER MAY HAVE FURTHER CONCESSIONS IN MIND, EDIT SAYS.

EDIT CONCLUDES, "THE MOST IMPORTANT OUTCOME OF BEGIN'S REVELATION OF THE PEACE PLAN IS THAT SAUDI ARABIA HAS CONDEMNED IT AS UNACCEPT-  
ABLE.

"THE PERSIAN GULF STATES, PRIMARILY SAUDI ARABIA, PLAY AN IMPORTANT PART IN MIDDLE EAST POLITICS SINCE THEY ARE THE BANKERS FOR THE ARAB COUNTRIES. SO BEGIN, WHO IS SCHEDULED TO VISIT EGYPT SOON, WILL HAVE TO HAVE FURTHER CONCESSIONS UP HIS SLEEVE IN ORDER TO TAKE ANOTHER STEP TOWARD PEACE."

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